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OLOYEDE AND THE MUSE OF OUR UNENDING NARRATIVE

Prof. AbdulRasheed A. Adeoye

Former Dean of Arts & Member of the Governing Council, University of Ilorin

We have an extensive human golden portmanteau. However, I need no endorsement from any traditional affinity or a coterie of postcolonial followers before I could discuss him or mention his name. He has befriended the lovers of progress and truth to become an uncommon conqueror. He is quintessentially philosophical and he exudes the invincibility of a genius, which he is all the time.

He is a rare Table-shaker in Africa who needs no marketing. Indeed, serial enemies who have turned him to a commodity that should be demarketed often fail abysmally! With him, it is excellence all the way through his actions and words. Our Table-shaker rises early to embrace the morning dew, smiles when the scorching sun bites and burns uncountable candles in the long night. Indeed, his commitment to progress and fighting spirit against adversity are legendary. Are you still not aware of the identity of my Table-shaker?

If you think that you are a strategist, you still need some tutorials from this Table-shaker who has led students with profound distinction in the past! His first degree, which is a testament to his brilliance, came with a first class and a glittering gold medal of scholarship was hung on his neck. He defines himself early and he has no tolerance for people with multiple character disorder! The identity of my Table-shaker is now clear to you, isn't it?

Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede at 70

A deaf can see his uncommon "firsts" when he was the Vice-Chancellor of Unilorin while his roaring voice, akin to that of a lion, was not lost on the majority. I just have to shorten my narrative because his place has been assured in the history of Unilorin, neither outpouring of emotions nor naked reservation is required. Do you still see the achievements of this Table-shaker as encomiums poured on him within the realm of image laundering for public swaying? No and never should you contemplate this!

Have you heard about free meals for staff in any institution owned by government recently? Please go to JAMB Headquarters in Abuja! Curiously, JAMB form application fee was reduced yet JAMB is now an unofficial revenue yielding Board. If he is not shaking the table, what is he doing?

Ring the bell for the sprinters to set and note very clearly that one of the Nigerian avatars, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, who is our consistent record holder, is 70 today. He is the man who re-writes our history particularly at the University of Ilorin, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, and through the domino effect of his mentorship policy.

Prof. Oloyede provides light where darkness holds sway. Call it an unauthorised invasion or anything, what is certain is that I court no illusion and I will still applaud you for identifying with this fascinating individual. In all honesty, I have been counting but the last time that I counted was when I discovered that the achievements of Prof. Oloyede are uncountable.

Certainly, I cannot alienate any opposing view on this. What I can only do is to deconstruct any negative mindset to see the uncommon glories in Prof. Oloyede. The greatest treasure that I hold dearly remains Prof. Oloyede's unparalleled sense of details and mentorship.

For Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, we can only try to write about him and his trajectories but what is certain is that his greatness, relevance, consistency and records will be within the muse of

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unending narrative. He is success in everything and he is an apostle of Christopher Cox's the deadline effect on how to work like it is the last minute by adopting the critical tools of sense of urgency, focus, motivation, monitoring of progress, experience and so on.

I, therefore, join others to celebrate this pious Imam, a multitask master, an enigma, a gifted individual, a unionist, a teacher, an administrator par excellence and above all, a Table-shaker, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede (CON) today, Thursday, 10th October 2024 to mark his 70th birthday.

I congratulate this citizen of the world who has travelled far and wide to spread the beauty of true humanity especially in the age of the posthuman that we are.

This light will continue to shine...!

This Book

"This book is a must have for all serious institutions, scholars of any description, parents that wish their children to succeed, students, leaders at all levels of our National Life in the academics, politics, economics, religions, the professions and the general reading public." *Prof. Yusuf Ali, SAN, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Nigeria.*

"He (Prof. Oloyede) was a genius who challenged himself by setting high standards for himself and the people around him. He could not legislate on low culture or substitute the same for high culture which he legally promoted. Prof. Oloyede worked with winners because he was born to win." *-Prof. Wahab O. Egbewole, SAN, - Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Ilorin*

"Throughout his career, Prof. Oloyede has been an unwavering advocate for ethics and integrity in education. His personal conduct has been a living embodiment of the values he espouses – honesty, diligence and selfless service.

-Prof. Francisca Oladipo, Vice-Chancellor, Thomas Adewumi University, Oke-Irese, Kwara state

"His person radiates integrity and forthrightness that are also deserving of study as a true Nigerian whose very essence is the needed ingredient to build strong institutions, and societies. He is a model for aspiring scholars, teachers, and administrators." *-Prof. Shaykh-Luqman Jimoh, Vice-Chancellor, Kwara State University, Malete.*

"Throughout his illustrious career, he has inspired countless individuals with his uncommon wisdom, compassion, and leadership. His tireless efforts to promote knowledge, understanding and inclusivity have created a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire future generations." *- Prof. Noah Yusuf, fsp, Vice-Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin*

"Beyond his professional achievements, Prof. Oloyede's influence extends far beyond the walls of academia, touching the lives of countless individuals who have had the privilege of crossing paths with him." *- Prof. Jeleel Olanikanmi Ojuade, Vice Chancellor, Ojaja University, Eyenkorin, Ilorin*

"It is hard to write a piece on Prof. Oloyede without reference to his courage. He is principled almost to a fault; he is never afraid to make enemies as long as he is convinced that his pursuit is right and fair and in the best interest of the larger society." *-Prof. Adenike Temidayo Oladiji, Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure*

Prof. Oloyede is an astonishing, brilliant, God-fearing gentleman with a light heart who carries himself with dignity, integrity and humility. He is an embodiment or champion of transparency and accountability." *- Prof. Olayinka Ramota Karim, Vice-Chancellor, Fountain University, Osogbo*

"If frankness, candidness, courage and bluntness are more amenable to youthful age, at older age, these would need to be refined and further ornamented by qualities that are deemed to be more sterling, more enviable and more magnificent. Strikingly, at these later years of Oloyede, exactly the time I got the privilege of working closely with him, the qualities that distinctively adorn his personality are erudition, efficiency, integrity and valour. One would appreciate the superiority of Oloyede's intelligence when you sit in a meeting chaired by him." *- Prof. Salisu Shehu, Deputy Secretary General, Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) and Vice-Chancellor, Al-Istiqamah University, Sumaila, Kano*

"Prof. Oloyede is an encyclopedia of rules and regulations guiding Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria and his rich experiences have afforded him meaningful networks that can be brought to bear in critical moments." *Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi, Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Osun state*



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